

Anderson Hospital is a 150 bed community hospital that had a void in our nurse inserted vascular access options. We had peripheral intravenous catheters and we had PICC lines, but no midline option. When the patient's veins were too deep for a peripheral IV and we were unable to advance a PICC line, we had no other option, but to have a physician place a central line. It became apparent that we needed that "middle catheter" to fill that opening. Finding The POWERWAND has eliminated that gap in our vascular access options.

I know that some facilities will leave a PICC line at midline length, but that is "off label" use and we felt uncomfortable with that practice. The PICC lines are labeled as PICC, so there is always concern that if it is left at midline length, staff will still use it as PICC line, causing a whole new problem for the patient.

The POWERWAND has received high praise from the patients receiving them. The patient is pleasantly surprised to receive one IV stick and get all their IV fluids and potentially all lab draws accomplished during their hospital stay.

Our average POWERWAND dwell time is 5.8 days in our facility, the longest being 15 days. The blood draw feature is the first benefit lost, but having the potential of an IV site for 29 days makes our nursing staff very happy.

Some of our patients have been discharged on home IV antibiotics for up to 10 days with The POWERWAND in place after their hospital stay. The POWERWAND has remained in place until that therapy was completed due to the 29 day allowance for dwell time.

CT scan personnel like The POWERWAND because it makes their scans run smooth. In the past CT personnel have had infiltrations with peripheral IV catheters and/or tubing detachment issues when power injecting, both of these problems have been eliminated with this product. The POWERWAND is power-injectable and the StatLock securement device keeps a tight union with the hub.

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